

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, September 16, 2013.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Speliotis of Danvers in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Speliotis) the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Rose Markham.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Kulik of Worthington) congratulating Rose "Arky" Markham on the occasion of being named the Democrat of the Year;

Tapestry Health.

Resolutions (filed by Representatives Kulik of Worthington, Story of Amherst, Kocot of Northampton, Scibak of South Hadley and Vega of Holyoke) honoring Tapestry Health on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary; and

Quinsigamond Community College.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. O'Day of West Boylston and other members of the House) congratulating Quinsigamond Community College on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary;

Mr. Binienda of Worcester, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

Belmont,—alcoholic beverages.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3655) of David M. Rogers and William N. Brownsberger (by vote of the town) that the town of Belmont be authorized to issue additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises of certain restaurants; and

Id.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3656) of David M. Rogers and William N. Brownsberger (by vote of the town) that the town of Belmont be authorized to issue additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages and wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises;

Severally to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Belmont,—town administrator.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3657) of David M. Rogers and William N. Brownsberger (by vote of the town) that the town of Belmont be authorized to establish the position of town administrator in said town. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Madden of Nantucket and Senator Wolf, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Timothy R. Madden (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the conveyance of certain property by the county and town of Nantucket, notwithstanding the uniform procurement law. Nantucket,—
property.

By Representative Kulik of Worthington and Senator Downing, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stephen Kulik and Benjamin B. Downing for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Katherine Swearingen, an employee of the Department of Developmental Services. Katherine Swearingen,—
sick leave.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Papers from the Senate.

The House Bill amending the town meeting act and the town manager act of the town of Saugus (House, No. 3511, amended), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 1858; and striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following title: "An Act providing for staggered elections of selectmen and school committee members and establishing annual town elections in the town of Saugus." The amendments were referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Saugus,—
town
meeting.

Subsequently the amendments, reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were adopted, in concurrence.

The House Bill increasing the number of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the city of Quincy (House, No. 3587), came from the Senate passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with amendments striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 1859. The amendment was referred, under Rule 35, to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading. Quincy,—
liquor
licenses.

Bills

To increase the penalties for corporate manslaughter (Senate, No. 732, amended in line 9 by striking out the word "more" and inserting in place thereof the word "less", in lines 10 to 13, inclusive, by striking out the sentence contained in those lines, in line 14 by striking out the word "shall" and inserting in place thereof the word "may"; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble: Manslaughter,—
penalties.

"Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to strengthen the penalties for the crime of manslaughter, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety.") (on a petition); and

Relative to critical incident intervention by emergency service providers (Senate, No. 1861) (on Senate bill No. 1827); Emergency
intervention.

Severally passed to be engrossed by the Senate, were read; and they were referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Reports of Committee.

Acton
Community
Housing
Corporation.

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill amending the special legislation establishing the Acton Community Housing Corporation (House, No. 3609) [Local Approval Received], be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

Voting,—
laws.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Election Laws, on Senate, Nos. 313 and 327 and House, Nos. 609, 610, 611 and 615, a Bill relative to election laws (House, No. 3647). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Emergency Measure.

Kathleen
Meinhofer,—
sick leave.

The engrossed establishing a sick leave bank for Kathleen Meinhofer, an employee of the Department of Children and Families (see Senate, No. 1285, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 6 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Bill
enacted.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the House) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Engrossed Bills.

Bills
enacted.

Engrossed bills

Limiting the number of terms served by the president of the city council of the city of Holyoke (see Senate, No. 956);

Further regulating dogs in the town of Wareham (see Senate, No. 965);

Authorizing the town of Nahant to issue certain bond anticipation notes (see Senate, No. 1786);

(Which severally originated in the Senate);

Relative to health insurance for elected officials in the town of Harwich (see House, No. 1872); and

Relative to capital investment in the town of Sterling (see House, No. 3357);

(Which severally originated in the House);

Severally having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

House bills

Third
reading
bills.

Authorizing the city of Fitchburg to grant an additional license for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3448); and

Validating the results of the annual election held in the town of Millville (printed in House, No. 3493) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Hill of Ipswich (Mr. Speliotis of Danvers being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.